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## UNO students volunteer at youth lock-in

JOSIE LOZA  
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 150 youth and their families spent Friday camped out overnight in the Creighton University Student Center and Physical Education Buildings.

Although the Boy Scouts' MidAmerica Council sponsored the event, students from both Girl Scouts and local schools attended the lock-in. Students ranged in age from 7 to 12 years.

Yadira Rodriguez brought her two daughters to the lock-in after learning about it through a flier distributed by Liberty Elementary, a new school in the Omaha Public School district located near 20th Street and St. Mary's Avenue.

Her 6-year-old daughter, Karen Morales, was excited to play among classmates and children her age, Rodriguez said.

"It's fun," Karen said. "We went swimming in the pool and played basketball."

Karen said she was going to stay up as late as she could. Her 3-year-old sister, Kimberly, however, was already sleeping on a bench at 10:30 p.m.

"I guess we're suppose to sleep wherever we find a spot," Rodriguez said.

Armando Salgado, a south Omaha representative for the Boys Scouts of America, was pleased with the turnout.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to have some fun and do

something that they will remember for a long time," he said.

The young students enjoyed performances by local groups, games, movies and dinner Friday night. They were also allowed to swim in Creighton's swimming pool during selected hours.

This is the second year the Scouts have had a sleepover at the university. The first year, the group saw more than 200 students attend the lock-in. Since the turnout was so great, the university again offered its facilities this year.

Workshops about nutrition, self-esteem, teamwork and anti-tobacco were held throughout the evening. Students were also able to watch a performance by an African drummer and Trilogia, a guitar and vocal trio that presents traditional and popular Latin music.

Mariah Davis, 10, attended many of the performances with her friends. Davis attends school at King Science Center, a magnet school in the OPS district.

"I like coming here because I can get away from my brothers and sisters at home," she said.

Mariah attended the lock-in last year. She had such a great time, she decided to attend again.

This year, however, Mariah said she saw a lot of new faces.

"Since I got here, I made a lot of new friends," she said.

When the clock struck midnight, about 100 pizzas were delivered to the



photo by Josh Williamson

*Naemah Ford of UNO's Zeta Phi Beta sorority dances with some of the children who attended the Boy Scouts' lock-in at Creighton University Friday night.*

center for the children to feast upon.

Scout officials said Creighton University is a central location for both south and north Omaha students to attend.

"It's been a convenient location for us," Salgado said. "The university gives us the whole fitness area and student center."

One of the reasons the lock-in was held, Salgado said, was to recruit more minority students into the Boy Scouts' program.

"It helps inter-city kids get into scouting," he said.

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## Sorority attempts to give cancer the boot



photo by Michelle Beyer

*Niki Langemeier kicks the ball during the Kick Out Cancer tournament.*

JOSIE LOZA  
NEWS EDITOR

For the past few years, UNO's Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority has made the fight against breast cancer its No. 1 priority.

The sorority is in its third year of hosting the Kick Out Cancer kickball tournament.

This year's event took place April 19 at the Al Caniglia Football Field on the UNO campus. The group raised more than \$1,200 at the event.

The money raised at the tournament will benefit the chapter's national philanthropy and breast cancer research. Proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

More than 13 campus and community organizations formed teams to participate in the event.

Kickball teams that

placed first, second or third received trophies for their participation. Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity members stomped other competing teams during the kick-out challenge for an overall victory.

"I was pleased at the number of people who came out for this fun event to join in the fight against breast cancer," said Nikki Kuhl, president of the sorority.

About 170 people were in attendance at the tournament, Kuhl said.

The sorority designed the tournament to encourage friendly competition among campus and community organizations.

Sarah Wilson, fundraising chair for the sorority, said the event is a chance for all UNO students to come together and work for a common goal.

"Our sorority decided to start this fundraising

tournament three years ago," Wilson said, "but additions are being made to it every year."

As soon as the event is over, the girls begin planning the next year's tournament, Kuhl said.

"It's a great opportunity for us to give back to the community and help out our philanthropy," she said.

The sorority also participates in the Race for the Cure, sponsored by the Komen Foundation.

The mission of the Komen Foundation is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

For more information about breast health or breast cancer, call the Komen Foundation's National Toll-free Breast Care Helpline at 1-800 IM AWARE or 1-800-462-9273.

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## When motivation deserts you

COMMENTARY BY  
KIMBERLY BRYANT  
STAFF WRITER

Recently, an epidemic has struck UNO students, blemishing spotless GPAs and killing the motivation of many students, rendering them lazy.

This dreaded yet easily contracted disease strikes students year after year, mainly in the springtime.

This disease, related to spring fever, is known as the fourth year itch, or more commonly, senioritis.

Senioritis hits at a time when most students are wrapping up the semester, getting ready to graduate and planning summer vacations.

"Spring fever and senioritis hit at the same time," senior Jacqueline Goods says. "I've been ready since January to stop going to class, but I can't."

Senioritis is a disease that does not discriminate. While it usually strikes seniors, you do not have to be one to catch it. Juniors, sophomores, even freshmen are likely to give in to senioritis.

So how does a student know he or she has senioritis?

You may have senioritis if you have experienced some of the following symptoms:

- 1) You show up to class 10, 20, 30 minutes late ... or better yet, you just don't show at all.
- 2) Your books are gathering dust because you have not touched them in weeks.
- 3) You're a permanent fixture in the Student Center.
- 4) Your new mantra is "Why put off today what I can do next month ... next year ... whatever."
- 5) Thirsty Thursdays become Thirsty

Sundays, Thirsty Mondays, Thirsty Tuesdays ... and so on ...

6) You start giving your professors excuses from the bottom of the barrel ... For example, being a male student and telling your professors that you had a nasty bout of menopause over the weekend.

Junior Corey Petersen has been guilty of symptom number four.

"I usually wait right until the last minute to do things," Petersen says. "I usually end up not turning things in on time."

While senioritis is a difficult disorder to battle, it is only temporary.

There are less than three weeks until the end of the semester. Do not let yourself get lazy and start blowing off your responsibilities.

"You just have to bite the bullet and do it," sophomore Ericka Schumacher says.

Here are a few tips to help you get motivated and make that last haul to the end of the semester:

- Stay on task: Work hard now so you won't have to retake that class you are bored with later.
- Keep things in perspective: Create a "to do" list to help you prioritize and manage important tasks that need to be completed.
- Reward yourself: All work and no play can make a student go insane. Take an occasional break from studying or working. Chill with friends, watch a movie, or better yet, get outside and enjoy the nice weather.
- Change your routine: Take different routes on the way to school or work in the morning, crank up some loud music to get you out of bed. Try anything new or different to take the monotony out of your day to help you get to the light at the end of the tunnel – graduation and summer break.

## Shameless self-promotion

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*Editor's note: The following paragraphs are shameless self-promotion on the part of The Gateway. We apologize in advance if after reading this, you believe you've wasted precious time.*

If you want to read about Tori Amos, being dumped, green beer or erotic wrestling, perhaps you should visit The Gateway's Web site at [www.unogateway.com](http://www.unogateway.com).

At least that's how the rest of the world is doing it.

Those terms are among the most popular search strings people have used to access the Web site in the past few months. Other popular search strings include snowman building, Go'ylah, birth control and naked women.

And yes, I meant to say the world.

People from 62 countries – including Australia, South Africa, the Czech Republic and Spain, to name a few – have read the same stories you've read in *The Gateway* online in the past few months.

Last month, there were 270,988 hits to [www.unogateway.com](http://www.unogateway.com). There was an average of 364 hits per hour. The highest number of hits in an hour last month was 2,331. The highest number of hits in a day was 23,907.

Perhaps our school newspaper's little

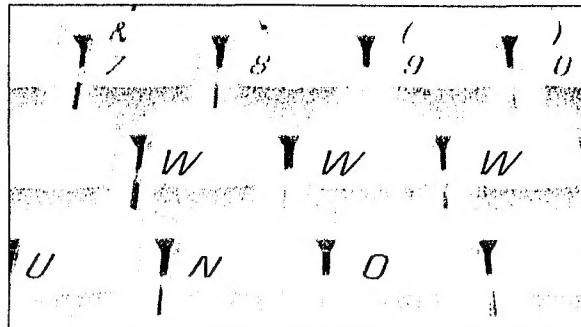


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*People from 62 countries – including Australia, South Africa, the Czech Republic and Spain – have visited [www.unogateway.com](http://www.unogateway.com) in the past few months.*

Web site is just a little more interesting than one might think.

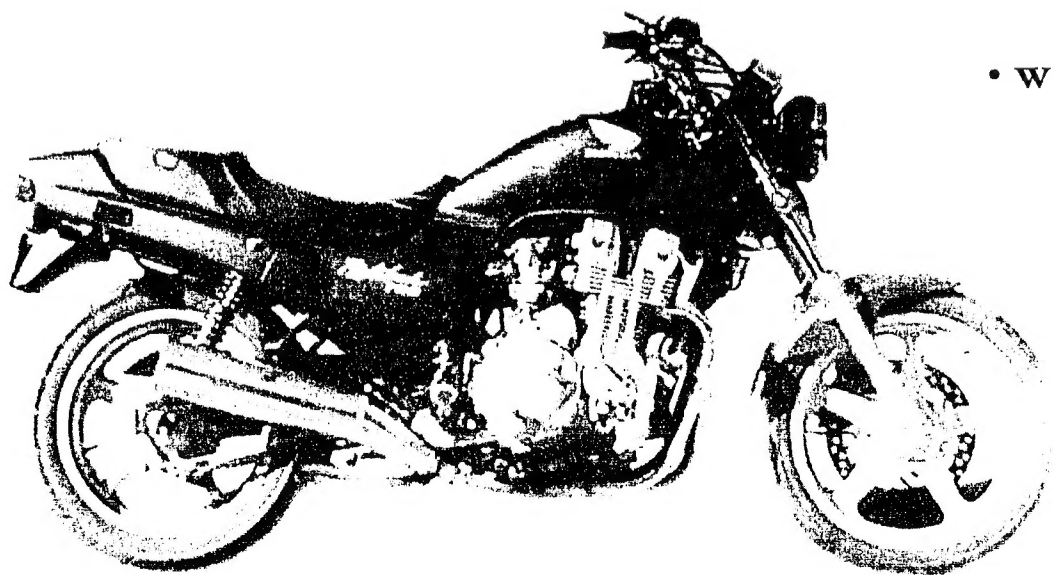
There are feedback forums for each story where readers can let their opinions be known – something Omaha.com, the Omaha World-Herald's Web site doesn't even have anymore.

There are "news extra" sections that have stories about the University of Nebraska's budget cuts and the Mavs' last hockey game at the Civic Auditorium in a centralized location. The hockey news extra even includes video clips and a QuickTime virtual reality look at the Civic.

You can also find advertising rates and contact information for each of *The Gateway's* staff members on the site.

So if you're sitting around the computer lab bored while waiting for your next class or surfing the net on the weekend and have nowhere better to look, log on to [www.unogateway.com](http://www.unogateway.com) – you might be surprised at some of the interesting things you find.

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Kristin Zagurski  
Editor-In-Chief

# OPINION

## Learn to speak a foreign language

During a recent news conference on CNN, a European official was answering questions in English.

When one reporter asked a question in Spanish, the official did not wait for translation. He effortlessly answered the question in the language in which it was asked. It seems characteristic of Europeans and others around the world that many people speak more than one language.

When I travel, it is amazing to meet people who are not only bilingual, but who have proficiency in three or more languages.

Granted, many of them are tour guides or vendors. But many of them worked outside those areas. Some were students or business people. Whatever their reasons, they spoke more than one language because they realized the value of such an ability.

Citizens of the United States do not seem as willing or open to learning and accepting languages besides English. There are people within the U.S. who speak other languages, but the majority seems to consider it a nuisance to hear another language. Americans tend to think everyone should speak English — even outside the United States.

Even though many universities, including UNO, require students to take a minimum of two years of a foreign language, most students only do the minimum and only because it is a requisite for a degree. They don't value it as a tool for enriching their lives and advancing their careers.

When I was taking a Hebrew class, another student commented in frustration, *It's just not like*

### Changing focus



Krissy Vogel

### English.

And that's the point — to learn another language. Yes, it can be difficult and even frustrating, especially when you have to learn characters outside the 26 letters of the English alphabet.

There are studies that suggest children learn languages much quicker than adults do. However, contrary to popular belief, you can teach an old dog new tricks. Adults can begin studying and

mastering a second language.

The best advice I can give is that the individual be willing to be like a child in the language. Adults must accept that fact they have to learn new grammar rules and perhaps a new alphabet. And yes, mistakes will be made. The mere effort to learn another language is remarkable — whatever language a speaker chooses to learn.

Of course, it is easy for Americans to remain stubbornly locked in our monolingual ways. We certainly can get by within our country without expanding our language skills and we can travel most of the world without knowing another language.

But it is precisely this reason why Americans ought to learn a foreign language. While learning other languages, you can also learn to appreciate cultures around the world. For our nation to remain great, we must have a knowledge and appreciation for the world around us.

What about within our own borders? Should everyone living within the United States

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## A week in the life of a Gateway column writer

Procrastination, as defined by Webster's dictionary ... ah, screw it, I'll look it up some other time, this dictionary's huge. I mean, *really*, we all know what procrastination means, don't we?

We'll break down the word.

"Pro" means to be all about something, like pro football players are all about football because they get paid too much.

"Cras" is an adjective that describes someone who's tasteless or insensitive. Or a combination of the words "crab" and "grass," as in "My dad's lawn is pretty much all crass (tasteless)."

Tination is the ringing in your ears after a rock concert, or it can also mean "somewhere you're going to end up," as in "destination."

So let's put those all together, shall we?

Maybe tomorrow.

For years as an undergraduate I would scan *The Gateway* and think to myself: I can do this. It's *easy* to whip out a great column on a weekly basis. Hell, that's *seven whole days*. How much more time could anyone need?

Well, here's a weekly breakdown of the time I spend on my column, Circus maximus.

2:30 p.m. Sunday: Whew, finally got that column done. And it was only two and a half hours late.

That one really sucked, but next week's will be *great*. I'll start on it early, rough it out little by little. Oh, this is going to be grand. Now it's time for a nap.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Nothing. But I reassure myself with the standard journalistic fallacy: "I work better under pressure."

5 p.m. Saturday: "Think, dammit," I'm screaming at myself, working myself into a bug-eyed, sweaty lather.

I'm preparing to go out and I've just realized this is my last opportunity before Sunday morning to get this column done. I know that I need *at least* a hazy idea of what I'm going to write about.

I beg myself, plead with myself, cajole, bribe, threaten, punch, kick, scratch myself.

That takes all of five minutes. Nothing works.

10:30 a.m. the next Sunday: An hour and a half till deadline. I bolt upright in bed, unsure of several things: Where's my

### Circus maximus



Ben Coffman

vehicle? (In a parking lot downtown?) Where's my wallet? (It's in my sock.) Where's my shoe? (It's in my bathtub.) Where am I? (I'm in bed, at home.) How late was I out last night? (Somewhere between 3 and 6 a.m.) What am I going to write for my column? (I have no idea. Not even the foggiest. And to make matters worse, trying to think with this pickled brain of mine is like trying

to run in those dreams where someone really awful is chasing you and you're exhausted and moving in slow motion ... trying to get away ... but you can't ... quite ... do it.) But it's this kind of confusion, this kind of I'm-in-serious-trouble desperation that leads me to the tiniest germ of an idea attacking my fevered noggin.

I'll just write about writing a column.

2:30 p.m. Sunday: Whew, finally got that column done. And it was only two and a half hours late. That one really sucked, but next week's is going to be *great* ...

You get the idea.

So there you have it, a little tip-of-the-tongue taste of what my column-writing week is like.

Of course, I could make things a little bit easier on myself by not drinking on Saturday night or dropping all of my classes.

I try to make this as easy as I can on myself — I never write about politics, so I don't have to watch that annoying television program "The News."

All I really have to do is make fun of myself, which is a pretty easy task — just ask anybody who went to my high school.

So this is (again) the point in the column in which I beg for reader feedback. But I rarely get any.

You know why I like reader feedback? Because it gives me something to work with, it creates a running dialog, lets me know who my audience is, exactly.

So e-mail me and tell me why you think you'd make a better columnist than me. Or tell me why I suck. Or tell me how great I am.

This position won't be filled for much longer, the semester's almost over.

Please e-mail me.

Please.

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## On-campus cultural events planned this week

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the UNO community will have two opportunities to get exposed to the arts this week, as the university hosts an art unveiling and a performance by a pianist.

An oil portrait of UNO Chancellor Emeritus Del Weber and his wife, Lou Ann, will be unveiled at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Weber Fine Arts Building. The unveiling will take place in the theatre lobby.

Weber led the campus for two decades, guiding UNO through a period of unprecedented growth in both physical facilities and academic excellence.

The portrait was funded by private donations to the University of Nebraska Foundation. It will take formal residence in the Weber Fine Arts Building, which was named in the couple's honor.

Omaha portrait artist Steve Roberts, who received his bachelor of fine arts from UNO in 1976, painted the portrait.

Roberts has participated in numerous exhibitions since 1984. He received a Visual Arts Individual Fellowship from the Nebraska Arts Council and has painted a series of murals that hang in the Memorial Chamber at the state capitol.

An opportunity for cultural immersion will present itself once again Thursday, as the Ecoutez! series wraps up its 2002-03 season.

Stephen Prutsman, who has been hailed as one of the finest American pianists of his generation, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. April 24 in the Strauss Performing Arts



Pianist Stephen Prutsman will close out the 2002-03 Ecoutez! season with an April 24 performance.

Center Recital Hall.

Active as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, composer and conductor, Prutsman's artistry has been acclaimed by critics and audiences worldwide.

Students who present student IDs will be admitted free to the concert, which costs \$15 for members of the general public.

Phone reservations for student tickets are recommended and can be obtained by calling 554-3427. Seating is non-reserved and the doors will open 30 minutes prior to the concert.

Ecoutez! is currently in its fifth season at UNO. The series is committed to bringing established performers and emerging artists to the university community and to patrons in the metropolitan area. KVNO 90.7 FM is the media sponsor for the series.

## UNO graduate has book signing

LACHELLE PRICE-PARKER  
STAFF WRITER

UNO graduate Jonis Agee recently released her fourth novel to an audience that finds her work powerful.

Finding words to flow methodically and purposefully at the same time is a task for many writers. Agee, a professor of fiction writing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, welcomes that task.

Agee's latest collection of short stories, *Acts of Love on Indigo Road*, is released under the Coffee House Press publishing company.

Agee was guest author at a recent reading and signing at The Bookworm in Omaha's Countryside Village.

Three rows of five chairs were arranged at the back of the bookstore, awaiting the audience's arrival.

A line of smiling faces lines the back wall. Agee sat at a solid wood table, greeting her fans one at a time. She signed books and met every person who purchased her stories a short time ago.

Small conversations bloomed around the room. Inquisitive eyes met newcomers who stepped into the assigned area. Not many seats filled before the reading began.

Agee walked to the front of the table and sat atop the structure. The foundation didn't wobble, to her surprise.

"I wasn't sure it was going to hold me," she said. "I sit on a really weak table in class, and the students wait to see if today will be the day."

Saturday shoppers who heard the soft poetry lyrics followed them to the rear of the bookstore, and the seats filled up.

Agee read from her book:

"But the anchorwoman was disturbing. When she looked down, the whites rolled out and you could see more of the human eyeball than seemed decent. Bad eye job. Her whole face seemed frozen, only her mouth flexing, like a puppet head. Botox injections."

Laughter broke the ice and the room was filled with participants instead of listeners.

Agee's stories are filled with humor, horror, excitement and drama. Her recent book has received acclaim from critics.

According to *The New York Times Book Review*, the short stories are "the clear-eyed reports of someone who sees things as they are, not as she would wish them to be ... These odd, original stories, keenly alive with language, make the heart and mind work."

The audience members at The Bookworm had their faces glued on the author.

Approval of the stories Agee shared grew to an awakening applause. The audience was brought back from a journey it had willingly taken onto Indigo Road.

## Blithe Spirit offers chills, laughs

REVIEW BY  
RAE LICARI  
COPY EDITOR

UNO's theater department opened *Blithe Spirit*, the season's concluding event, last weekend.

The play, directed by Doug Paterson, is a spirited (forgive the pun) piece of comedy that takes place in the Kent, England, home of Charles Condomine (Andrew McGreevy), author and husband to Ruth (Stephanie Kidd Dorwart).

Charles invites an outlandish psychic by the name of Madame Arcati (Molly Welsh) to dinner one night. He has the intention of having her hold a séance so he can have authentic research for the novel he is in the midst of writing. The séance unwittingly unleashes the ghost of Charles' first wife, Elvira (Kelli Hahn), who proceeds to cause all manner of merry mischief in the house throughout the play's three acts.

Overall kudos go to the theater department; this production was

absolutely spectacular.

The actors managed to pull off consistent British accents with professional flair. The set was made to look like the interior of a house very realistically. And the special spooky effects were simply stunning.

Special props go to Welsh for her outstanding performance as the offbeat psychic, Madame Arcati. Her wild, dramatic gestures and expressive mannerisms bring the character to life.

Overall, the production is highly entertaining and one that should not be missed.

Catch *Blithe Spirit*'s final run this weekend, at 7:30 p.m. April 23-26 with a special matinee performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

All performances will be held in the Weber Fine Arts Building.

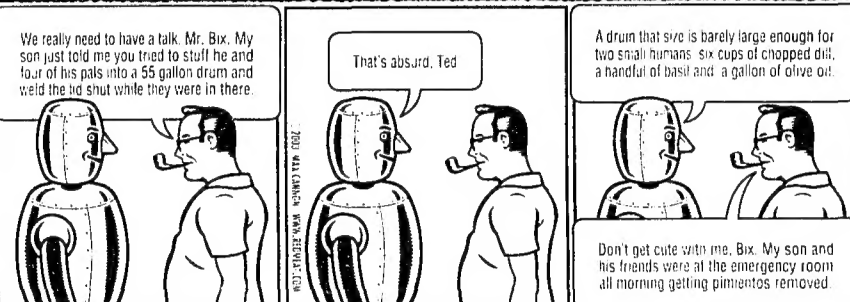
Tickets for all performances are \$8 for students with ID and \$10 for the general public.

Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 554-2335.

### RED MEAT

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from the secret files of  
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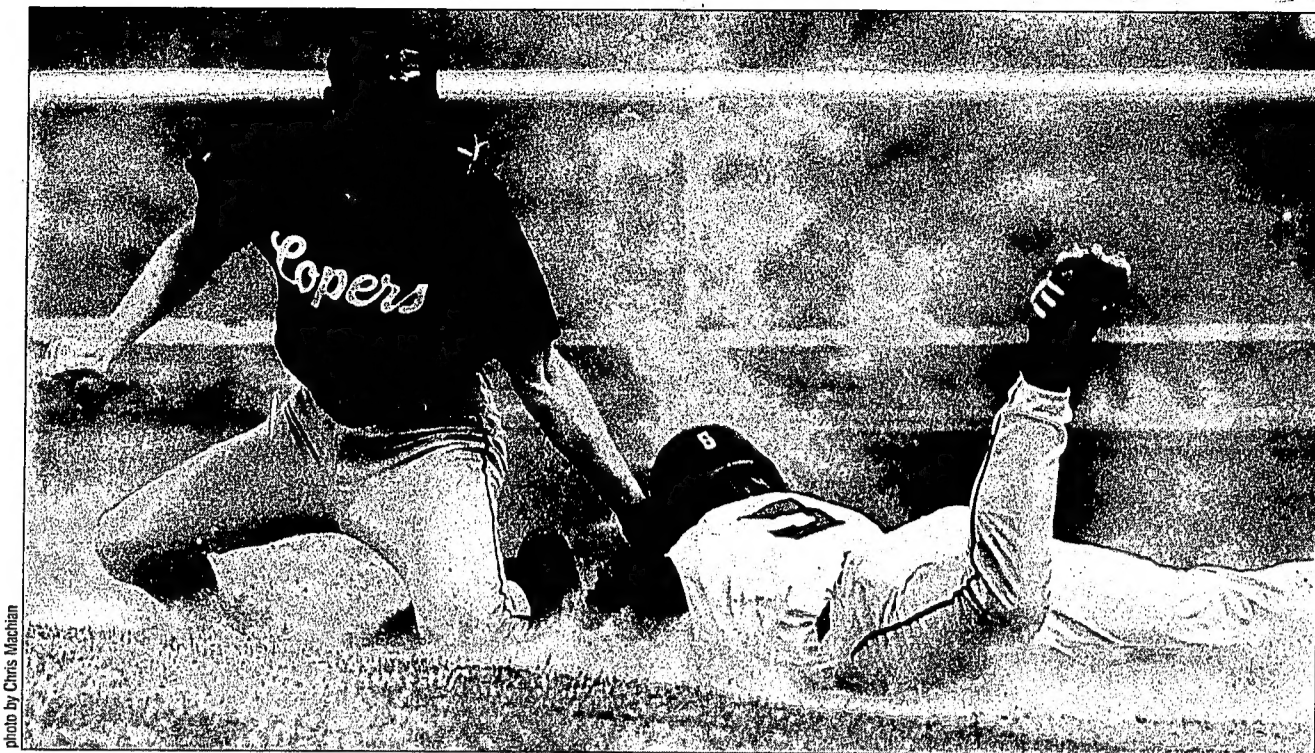
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## Mavs complete Mankato sweep, drop to Lopers



Maverick Jake Wurth gets thrown out attempting to steal second base during the first game of a double header against the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The Mavs dropped the pair of the games to the Lopers last Tuesday.

J. PARKER ADAIR  
STAFF WRITER

After demolishing the Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks the previous day, the UNO baseball team found itself in hot water before pulling away with wins of 7-6 and 5-3 Sunday.

But the luck didn't continue, as UNO dropped a Tuesday double-header to the University of Nebraska at Kearney 7-6, 7-4.

UNO got off to an early lead against MSU when David Kros and Spencer

Doyle scored in the first inning. Mankato answered with three of its own in the third off Neal Belt. The very next inning, Mankato posted another two runs off UNO pitcher Jeff Spilker, who came on in relief.

Down three runs with just four outs left in the scheduled seven-inning game, Jim Sledge hit an RBI single that scored Jake Wurth, giving UNO its first run since the first inning.

Eric Gordon's dropped foul ball allowed MSU to score another runner,

again pulling the team ahead by three.

UNO would not be denied as the rally was on.

Kros walked, and a pitch hit Doyle before Gordon redeemed himself with a two-RBI double. Gordon reached third on a groundout and was brought home by Wurth. Wurth stole second and scored when Patrick Johnston reached on a fielding error, completing the scoring for UNO and giving the Mavs a 7-6 lead.

Nate McCabe came on to record his seventh save of the year, setting up game

two of the day.

In the second game, the Mavericks again got off to an early start when Wurth, Doyle and Sledge all scored in the second inning. UNO did not record a single hit in the inning but took advantage of three errors while leaving two on base.

UNO's Chris Tate then gave up one run in each the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, tying the game at three.

In the seventh, Johnson came up big again when his double scored Ty Fleck. Kros added an insurance run, but none were needed for McCabe, who came on to record his second save of the day.

UNO completed the double-header with a 5-3 win. That made four wins in two days for UNO over Mankato. It was the UNO Mavs' seventh win in eight games.

All that changed at Tuesday's double header against UNK.

The Lopers looked to be a chance to gain in-state pride for UNO, but the Mavs couldn't overcome the struggle and dropped the pair.

In game one, Kros scored on a balk, and Doyle was brought home by a Gordon sacrifice fly to give the Mavericks a two-run lead after one inning of play.

UNK answered by scoring three runs off of Kevin Whitman in the second and third innings. The Lopers rocked Marc Badalucco for two more in the fourth before a Sledge triple scored Johnston and gave UNO a chance.

Both teams scored in the fifth, but the Mavericks looked to rally again when Johnston's slammed a two-run homerun, tying the game at six.

An error by Fleck allowed the

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## Mavs go 3-2 at Mankato

PAUL FREELEND  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After a rough Saturday in the MSU-American Legion Classic in Mankato, Minn., the 11<sup>th</sup>-ranked Maverick softball team finished Sunday with two wins and left Minnesota with a 3-2 record.

UNO opened tournament play with a 1-0 win over Southwest State (Minn.) before losing the next two games, 7-5 to St. Cloud State and 10-3 to Concordia-St. Paul. But the Mavs rallied Sunday to beat South Dakota State 10-2 and Winona State 1-0.

Kara Unger made her third start of the season against Southwest State, scattering five hits over six and two-thirds innings to get the win. Krista Unger came on to record the final out and picked up her fifth save. Shilo Jorgensen gave the Mavs all the offense they would need with a solo homerun in the fourth inning.

SCSU lost its first meeting with UNO 6-3 April 12. The Huskies trailed throughout the game Saturday before Abby Bourman's two-run walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh gave them the win.

Jorgensen hit her second homer of the day against Concordia-St. Paul, but CSP chased Maverick starter Emily Adkins with five runs in three innings and scored five more off Krista Unger, who was brought on in relief.

Homeruns continued to fly for the Mavs during day two of the tournament. Jorgensen and Lauren McArthur each hit round-trippers in the first inning against SDSU, and Nicole Vos continued the power surge with a grand slam in the second.

In all, the Mavericks scored eight runs in the first two innings and ran out 10-2 winners. Krista Unger shut down the Jackrabbits after allowing a leadoff homerun, striking out four batters and walking none.

Erin Bluml scored UNO's only run in its win over Winona State with a solo homer in the top of the seventh.

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## Netters third at NCC tourney, await NCAA bid

PAUL FREELEND  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNO's tennis team took home four second-place and four third-place finishes as it finished third at the North Central Conference tennis tournament.

North Dakota won its first NCC title since 1984 with 64 points, one point ahead of 11-time defending champion Northern Colorado. UNO was third with 57 points, St. Cloud State was fourth with 50 points and South Dakota State and Minnesota State-Mankato finished in a fifth-place tie with 36 points. South Dakota (26 points) and Augustana (22 points) rounded out the eight-team field.

Sara Batchelor advanced to the No. 1 singles championship match against UNC's Jan Ikeda. She took the opening set 6-3 but dropped the next two 7-5 and 6-1 to take second place. Sarah Huls and Abby Wilson advanced to the Nos. 2 and 6 singles finals, respectively. Huls lost 6-3, 6-3 to Jodie Sato of UNC, and Wilson fell to North Dakota's Shauna Differding 6-1, 7-5.

Lindsay Henjum (No. 3 singles), Pam Le (No. 4 singles) and Mikaila Spalding (No. 5 singles) all finished third in their brackets to round out the Mavericks' singles play at Hanscom Park.

UNO's No. 3 doubles team of Henjum and Le advanced to their



Head Coach Bill Nicols talks to Abby Wilson after she finished a match at the NCC tournament, which was held last weekend at Hanscom Park.

championship match but fell 8-2 to UND's Jenny Cartwright and Erin Sullivan. Batchelor and Spalding finished third at No. 2 doubles, and the No. 1 doubles team of Huls and Wilson was fourth. The third-place finish for UNO is its third consecutive bronze-medal placing in the program's three years of existence.

UND received an automatic bid

to the NCAA tournament with its victory, while the Mavs will have to wait to see if they are selected. The top eight teams in the North Central region advance to the NCAA tournament, whose field of 64 teams will be announced Wednesday.

The Mavericks were rated fifth in the region before the start of the NCC tournament.



# Track team turns in impressive showing

BRIAN BRASHAW

SPORTS EDITOR

Melissa Meisinger set a provisional NCAA Division II qualifying mark in the triple jump, as her leap of 38 feet, 6 and 1/2 inches was good for second place in the event.

That effort was a trend yet again for the UNO women's outdoor track team. The Mavericks made 22 top-five performances in 17 events Saturday at the Doane Relays.

Coach Tim Hendricks' team also placed first in six of the events. But Hendricks said the team had some bad events as well.

"We had some good efforts, and we had some not so good performances," Hendricks said. "It was a very up and down day."

The Mavericks battled through cold and windy temperatures, which has been a common theme for the team this season.

But the team fought through the weather. Sarah Menghini took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.12 seconds. Syd Merz then took first in the 400-meter run in 58.43 seconds.

Molly Miller and Michelle Ellingson

went one-two in the 1,500-meter run, and Mandy Neneman took first in the 100-meter hurdles. Neneman also won the 400-meter hurdles.

The UNO relay teams came in with a fourth place finish and two second-places in the three events. The team of Merz, Debbie Akerly, Laura Gass and Menghini took fourth in the 400-meter relay in 50.14 seconds. Merz, Jennifer Rutan, Gass and Amanda Mahan placed second in the 1,600-meter relay in 3:54.69. Ellingson, Jennifer Victor, Gass and Mahan took second in the 3,200-meter relay.

In the high jump, the Mavericks took second, third, and fourth, as Lindsay Hunter led the team with a leap of 5'4". Kalyn Byers jumped 5'2" and Laurel Stuehm jumped an even 5 feet.

Allison Anderson then won the discus, throwing 140'8". Shausha Lee finished third in 134'11", and Ryan Hergott got fifth with 126'4".

"Hopefully we'll be ready to run and compete well next week," Hendricks said.

UNO will compete at the Drake Relays next week. The Drake Relays is one of the largest outdoor track meets in the nation.

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winning run to score for UNK.

In the afternoon game, the Lopers put three on the board in the third before Johnston could answer with a run, pulling UNO within two.

In the fourth, Wurth led off with a homerun and Kros and Zach Ries scored off a Johnston double, putting the

Mavericks ahead by one. UNK immediately stamped out the one-run Maverick lead with another three runs and one more for good measure in the seventh. The Lopers pulled away 7-4 and completed the sweep of the Mavericks.

UNO plays St. Cloud State in four straight games Monday and Tuesday and four games against South Dakota State Saturday and Sunday.

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The Warriors had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the inning, but Kelli Lentz's throw from center field beat the WSU runner to the plate for the final out.

Krista Unger gave up six hits over seven shutout innings with six strikeouts

to move to 17-4 on the year.

UNO returns to action today with a doubleheader at Northwest Missouri State. The Mavs will then close out the regular season Saturday and Sunday at the second North Central Conference North/South Showdown in Brookings, S.D.

# UNO golf team takes second on road

BRIAN BRASHAW

SPORTS EDITOR

Once again, the UNO women's golf team used a strong second round to jump up a spot and finish second in the Minnesota State-Mankato Invitational.

After day one, the Mavericks shot a 339 as a team and found themselves in third place behind host Minnesota State and another fellow North Central Conference team, St. Cloud State.

But the Mavericks came back in the second round to fire a team total 333 to leap St. Cloud State and take second.

Tanis Hastmann again led the Mavericks with a two-round total of 165. She fired an 85 in the first round and an 80 in the second, which put her in a three-way tie for third place overall.

Frances Rose of St. Cloud State won the Invite with a 36-hole total of 160, and Michelle Green of Minnesota State took second with a 162.

Amanda Stock shot rounds of 83 and 85 to finish in a tie for eighth place.

This marked the third time in as many tournaments that UNO has finished in the top three in team scoring. The Mavs

hosted and won the Ironwood Classic and then took third last week at the Northern Colorado-hosted Bears Invitational.

The team has finished in the top three in all but two of its tournaments this year. The only two tournaments the Mavs did not finish in the top three were ones hosted by and featuring Division I competition.

## UNO's tournament scores:

Tanis Hastmann	85-80 = 165
Amanda Stock	83-85 = 168
Mandy Houtz	84-85 = 169
Stephanie Oster	87-83 = 170
Katie Etter	91-89 = 180

## Team scores:

1. Minnesota State	334+331=665
2. UNO	339+333=672
3. St. Cloud State	335+341=676
4. MSU Gold	354+339=693
5. St. Thomas	361+333=694
6. Gustavus	359+355=714
7. North Dakota	365+351=716
8. Winona State	375+350=725
9. Southwest State	360+371=731
10. North Dakota State	390+364=754

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learn English?

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official language. The nation has never been strictly monolingual. From the first encounter of Native Americans with European settlers to the Hawaiian Islands, from Chinatown to Little Italy, a plethora of languages have been spoken on American soil.

Americans ought not think that being a multilingual society would devalue our importance. It only would make the country stronger and better able to cope in a world that is becoming increasingly globalized.

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# MBSA Activities

The Milo Bail Student Center is a Unit of Student Affairs



Tues., April 22nd

7:50 am Catholic Campus Ministry  
8 am Orientation  
10 am Dramatic Arts  
10 am Environmental Studies  
10:50 am B.J. Reed  
11 am Greek Week  
11:50 am Stephenson Interns  
12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry  
12 noon African American Organization  
12 noon Diversity Week  
1 pm Orientation  
4 pm Student Health Advisory Council  
4 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
6 pm Christ on Campus  
6:50 pm "Color Me Human" Banquet  
7 pm Delta Sigma Theta  
7 pm College Democrats  
7:50 pm Zeta Phi Beta  
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., April 25rd

7:50 am LB509 Door Closer Seminar  
10 am Diversity Week  
11:50 am Ed Ad Interview  
11:50 am Muslim Student Association  
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study  
12 noon ALAS  
12 noon Quest  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
12 noon Diversity Week  
12 noon Professional Assistants Luncheon  
5 pm Air Force ROTC  
5 pm Goodrich Program  
4:15 pm Service Learning  
5 pm Orientation  
5:50 pm Chicano/Latino Studies  
7 pm Student Gaming Org

Thurs., April 24th

9 am Ambassador Interviews  
10 am Dramatic Arts  
10 am Consider This ...  
11 am Quest  
11:50 am Orientation  
12 noon Diversity Week

12:30 pm ILUNO Welcome  
1 pm Diversity Week  
2:30 pm Panhellenic  
3 pm Orientation  
7 pm Delta Sigma Theta  
7 pm Student Government

Fri., April 25th

11:50 am ILUNO  
12 noon English Dept. Hiring Committee  
12 noon Board of Regents  
12 noon Diversity Week  
12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous  
12 noon Interfraternity Council  
1 pm Diversity Week  
1 pm Japanese Studies  
1 pm Board of Regents  
2 pm Judicial Board  
2:50 pm American Humanities  
6 pm Chemistry Club  
6 pm Beta Alpha Psi  
6 pm Alpha Kappa Alpha  
6:50 pm Christ on Campus  
7 pm Delta Sigma Theta

Sat., April 26th

9 am Alpha Kappa Alpha  
11 am Delta Sigma Theta  
11 am Chi Sigma Iota  
12:30 pm Orientation  
5 pm Intertribal Student Council Dinner  
7 pm North West High School

Sun., April 27th

1 pm Westside High  
2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha  
2 pm Sigma Kappa  
5 pm Sigma Lambda Beta  
4 pm Theta Chi  
5 pm National Panhellenic  
5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha  
5 pm Student Gaming Org.  
6 pm Lambda Chi Alpha  
7 pm Zeta Phi Beta  
7:50 pm Dramatic Arts

Mon., April 28th

11 am Music Department  
12 noon A.A.  
12 noon ILUNO Lunch

12 noon United Christian Ministry  
2:30 pm Goodrich Student Org.  
5 pm Air Force ROTC  
4 pm Chi Omega  
5 pm Maverick Investment Club  
8 pm Circle K

Tues., April 29th

7:50 am College of Education  
7:50 am Catholic Campus Ministry  
9 am Recruitment Services  
9 am Leadership Team  
10 am Dramatic Arts  
11 am Music Department  
11:50 am Stephenson Interns  
11:50 am Alcohol Awareness  
12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry  
12 noon African American Organization  
12 noon NASPA Help Grant  
2:50 pm Orientation  
4 pm Student Health Advisory Council  
4 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
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